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For: Latch Arrangement

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Although Applicant has yet to receive a Notice of Abandonment, Applicant understands that this application is presently seen as abandoned within the eyes of the Patent and Trademark Office. In late April, Examiner Lugo telephoned Applicant's representative and indicated that no response to an Office Action mailed last October had yet been received. In fact, a response was filed.

An initial response was filed by facsimile on February 27, 2003. This response was sent with a one month extension of time. A copy of the facsimile transmission receipt is attached also indicating that it was received at the Patent and Trademark Office. Unfortunately, the identifying information in the header of this response was incorrect.

Apparently, the incorrect information resulted in the response never being matched with the file. Thus, Examiner Lugo telephoned Applicant's representative on April 30, 2003. Applicant then resent the original response by facsimile. A copy of the facsimile transmission receipt is also attached. Note, this receipt and the cover sheet for the facsimile identified the application by its proper serial number.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that a timely response was filed and that the holding of Abandonment was improper. On the other hand, should the Patent Office hold that the holding of Abandonment was not improper, then Applicant submits the Abandonment was unintentional. Applicant hereby petitions to have this application ~~revived as having been unintentionally abandoned. Notably, any delay until the filing of~~ this petition was also unintentional. Fees in the amount of \$1,300 may be charged to deposit account number 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds in the event that the Patent Office deems the request for holding of Abandonment should not be granted.

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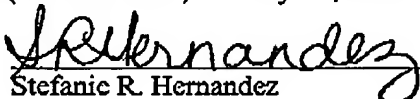


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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicants' petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 16, 2003.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record indicates that an Office action was mailed on October 29, 2002. Since no timely response to the October 29, 2002 Office action was received before the expiration of the six month statutory period for response, the application was held to be abandoned, although a Notice of Abandonment has yet been mailed.

Applicants' petition includes a copy of a response and includes a USPTO facsimile return receipt bearing a transmittal date of February 27, 2003. However, the received cover page contained on the return receipt fails to indicate the contents of the facsimile, thus there is nothing to "tie-in" the response to the USPTO facsimile return receipt. It is also noted that the copy of the response includes a certificate of transmission contained on a separate sheet. MPEP 512 states "[w]hen the certification is presented on a separate sheet, that sheet must ... fully identify ... the paper it accompanies. The required identification should include ... the type of paper being filed, e.g., reply to rejection or refusal, Notice of Appeal, etc. Moreover, without the proper identifying data, a certification presented on a separate sheet will not be considered acceptable if there is any question or doubt concerning the connection between the sheet and the paper filed." Since, the certification fails to fully identify the response, there is nothing to "tie-in" the response to the certification. Thus, the certification is unacceptable.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.181."

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Steven Meyers at (703) 308-3868.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Petitions for consideration as a Petition for Revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b). Any questions concerning the petition to revive should be directed to the staff in the Petitions Office at (703) 305-9285.



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